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Indo-Pak Rapprochment and Confidential Building measures

6955. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the Minister of EXTRNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the efforts made by USA and UK on Indo-Pak rapprochment and adoption of confidence building measures between the two countries; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir. The US president sent a special envoy to India in May 1990.

(b) Government appreciates the efforts in this regard.

Visit of High Level Napalese Task Force

6956. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a High Level Nepalese task Force visited India recently to have follow up discussion on economic cooperation between the two countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir. A High level delegation visited India in connection with the second meeting of the Indo-Nepal High Level task Force from September 1-3, 1991.

(b) A wide range of issues of mutual interest relating to bilateral economic cooperation were discussed at the meeting, including trade, transit, control or unauthorised trade and cooperation in the fields of industry, civil aviation, education and culture. The talks will continue at the subsequent meetings. The High level Task Force is to prepare a comprehensive programme of bilateral economic cooperation between India and Nepal.

Export Sesame Seed

6957. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of Sesame seed exported by NAFED during last three years; and

(b) the prevailing market rates of Sesame seed in domestic market during 1989-90 and 1990-91?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The export of Sesame seed made by NAFED during the last three years was as under:-

Years	*Quantity (MT)*	*Value (Rs. Lakhs)*
1988-89	220	24.50
1989-90	4115	517.31
1990-91	18	3.00